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| In re Application of | : | |
| Dierks, et al. | : | |
| Application No. 10/621,931 | : | ON PETITION |
| Filed: July 17, 2003 | : | |
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This is a decision on the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed August 31, 2006.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

The holding of abandonment is **WITHDRAWN**.

The above-identified application was held abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 15, 2005. This Office action set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No issue fee having been received, the application became abandoned on March 16, 2006. The mailing of this decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

A review of the file reveals that the Notice of Allowance, for reasons not apparent, was returned to the Office as undeliverable on December 27, 2005. The Notice of Allowance was addressed to the proper address of record.

The matter is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2186 for re-mailing of the December 15, 2005 Notice of Allowance, setting a new period for reply.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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